

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Klaas de Groot ) Kathleen A. McNelis  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2006. Kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 6 of this paper.